

RESOLUTION NUMBER 117

Percy Green, II

WHEREAS, Mr. Green is the eldest son of Percy and Lucille Mitchell-Green, Sr. He was born in St. Louis on August 28, 1935. His childhood years were spent on the near Southside neighborhood known as "Compton Hill", 3402 LaSalle at Ranken Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green and Betti Ann Ruffin were married in December 1965 and from this union their son, Percy Green, III was born in September 1966. He is a Southeast Missouri State University graduate with a degree in Industrial technology, now gainfully employed as a St. Louis Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from L'Ouverture Elementary School and Vashon High School, Mr. Green enrolled in an electronics correspondence course with DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, Illinois, while working as a Page at Washington University Clinic. He completed his studies in July 1956 and was awarded a competency certificate in radio and television repair. He was also awarded a four year Danforth Fellowship in September 1970 and attended St. Louis University. After completion of his undergraduate studies, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs, with a minor in Political Science, in May 1974. The following September, He enrolled in St. Louis University's Graduate School of Social Work for one semester. In January 1975 he transferred to the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University and received my Master of Social Work in May 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green has an active affiliation with the following organizations: the Nation Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW, the Academy of Certified Social Works (ACSW) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). He is a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) in the State of Missouri. He is a Board member of American Civil Liberties Union(ACLU)/St. Louis, a board member of Jobs with Justice, Inc.(JwJ)/St. Louis, Board member of Organization of Black Struggle (OBS), board member of St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable, former chairperson of ACTION, a human rights protest organization and, currently chairperson of ACTION ReUnion 2004.; and

WHEREAS, in November 1993, Mr. Green was appointed to direct the minority and women owned business utilization program for the City of St. Louis by Freeman R. Bosley, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the protest movement has made a major impact on Mr. Green's values in terms of lifestyle, philosophy and survival. His participation with the Jefferson Bank Demonstrations, while a member of the St. Louis Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) in August 1963, was his first real experience of opposing the white power structure. In July 1964 when the Gateway Arch was under construction, Richard Daly and he climbed 125 feet up the north leg of the Arch as an expression of direct action, civil disobedience protest. They climbed the Arch to protest federal funds being used to build a national monument without any regard to awarding contracts to Black contractors or hiring of Black construction workers in all job classifications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Percy Green, II for his many achievements and accomplishments and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of June, 2011 by:

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of June, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen